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## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

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THE Catalogue of Indian Coins, of which the present volume is the first instalment, will consist primarily of five volumes, of which two, those dealing (1) with the coins of the so-called Patán Sultáns of Dehlí, and (2) with the contemporary issues of the Kings of Bengal, Jaunpúr, Gujarát, and other Arabic coinages, will be the work of the author of the Catalogue of Oriental Coins, Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole, while the earlier series, Greek-Indian and Hindú, will be comprised in two volumes by Prof. Percy Gardner; and I shall myself undertake the description of the currency of the Emperors of Dehlí of the House of Bábar.

The general principles upon which the Catalogue of Indian Coins will be arranged will be similar to those which have been observed in the Greek and Oriental series, but the tabular or column-arrangement which was used in the eighth volume of the Oriental Catalogue will be retained in preference to the open pages of the earlier volumes of that series, save when the length of the inscriptions render the open page necessary.

The coins included in the present volume correspond to Fraehn's Class XVII.

The metal of each specimen is stated, and its size in inches and tenths of inches. The weight of the gold and

silver examples is given in English grains. Tables for converting grains into grammes, and inches into millimètres as well as into the measures of Mjonnet's scale, are given at the end of the volume.

A comparative table of the years of the Hijrah and of the Christian Era has been added with a view to facilitating reference to the standard works on Indian history where the European computation is adopted.

Typical specimens are figured in the nine plates, which are executed by the autotype mechanical process from casts in plaster.

The work has been written by Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole, and I have carefully revised it throughout, except in the case of the Nāgarī inscriptions, which have been collated by Mr. Gardner.

REGINALD STUART POOLE.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE present volume comprises the coinage of the Sultáns commonly known as the "Patán" or "Pathán" Kings of Dehlí. With some reluctance I have abandoned this time-honoured designation, for the reason that the word Patán is synonymous with Afghán, and most of the Sultáns of Dehlí were not Afgháns. The founder of the line of Dehlí, Muhammad ibn Sám, was a *Ghóri Turk*; and his successors, the rest of the first dynasty, were his Turkish slaves and their offspring. The second dynasty, sprung from Jalál-ad-dín Fíróz Sháh, was composed of *Khaljé Turks*. The third dynasty, that of the Taghlak-Sháhís, was of the race of the *Jáls*. The fourth claimed descent from the Arab Husain, grandson of the prophet Muhammad, and called itself by the sacred title of *Sayyids*. Indeed, only the fifth and the sixth of the dynasties into which the kings of Dehlí are divided could properly term themselves Patán or Afghán, inasmuch as Buhlól belonged to the Lódí tribe of Afgháns, and Shér Sháh to the Sár division of the Lódí tribe. Thus, out of forty Sultáns of Dehlí, eight alone have any right to be called Patáns or Afgháns. If, therefore, the name is to be retained at all in this misleading connection, it can only be in deference to long-established usage. The gain in convenience, however, in thus preserving the appellation, is surely more than counterbalanced by the historical and ethnological accuracy which is restored by its abolition.

The series of coins struck by the Sultáns of Dehlí offer fewer points of interest and importance than do most of the currencies of Muhammadan States. As a rule we may